

REMARKS

Claims 20-27 are now pending in the application. Applicant gratefully acknowledges the Office's remarks that Claims 20-27 are allowed. Claims 1-19 have been cancelled. Thus, Applicant respectfully submits that all remaining claims are now in condition for allowance.

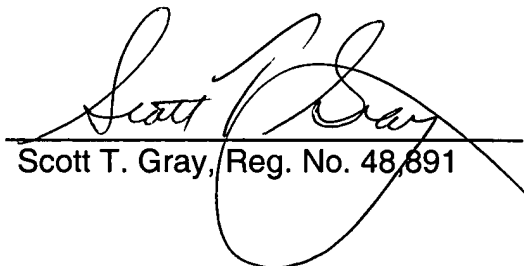
CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (314) 726-7525.

Respectfully submitted,

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